

WALPOLE PLANNING BOARD MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 5, 2015

A regular meeting of the Walpole Planning Board was held on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the Senior Center. The following members were present: John Conroy, Chairman; Richard Mazzocca, Vice Chairman; John Murtagh, Clerk; Edward Forsberg (7:50 p.m.); and Richard Nottbart.

7:30 p.m. OSRD Special Permit Continued Hearing: The applicant's attorney, Vincent O'Brien, Dover, MA was present and asked that the board allow them to withdraw their application without prejudice. He stated that a while ago there was some confusion as to how the plans matched up. Also, the Conservation Commission requested substantial changes to the plans as did other town boards. Therefore, it is their desire to withdraw and refile with a straightforward clear plan so the neighbors are comfortable with what they are doing. They are still striving for a straightforward plan that doesn't exit onto North Street.

Mr. Conroy explained to the public that the applicant is taking their project off the table, going home and will refile. What was in front of us is gone. He also stated that the abutters had filed a letter which will just go away. He recommends they submit it for inclusion with the next filing if and when they do it.

Joe Moraski, Buckboard Drive stated only the Planning Board can allow them to withdraw without prejudice. If the board doesn't approve this request, they have to go forward. He stated they have wasted seven months of coming here as a neighborhood and there has been a lot of wasted time of the part of the Planning Board and the taxpayers' money has been wasted. The question is should they be allowed to come in and file a new plan immediately. Should there be some moratorium period because of all the wasted time. Would the Planning Board consider that if they are allowed to withdraw without prejudice.

Mr. Conroy stated nothing precludes someone from filing a hundred plans. We could approve all of them also. They have the right to do that. There is no such thing as a moratorium in the law. As far as them not being allowed to withdraw without prejudice, we would have to vote it down and they could appeal that and he feels the judge would find in their favor anyway.

Mr. Moraski stated he would like their position paper put in this file even though the board may vote to allow them to withdraw this application.

Mr. Conroy moved to accept a position paper from Joe Moraski and some of the neighbors. Motion seconded by Mr. Nottbart and voted 4-0-0.

Phil Sanford, North Street stated there is good information in Mr. Moraski's petition. He asked if it will just stay in the file and Mr. Conroy stated yes.

Mr. Nottbart moved that we formally submit a letter to Atty. O'Brien with a copy of what the neighbors gave us. Motion seconded by Mr. Conroy and voted 4-0-0.

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Mr. Moraski stated it was hard to get all the signatures that Mr. Forsberg told him to because of the Super Bowl and snow storm.

Mr. Conroy moved to allow the applicant to withdraw their application for an OSRD Special Permit without prejudice. Motion seconded by Mr. Nottebart and voted 4-0-0.

Town Planner: Mr. Nottebart stated he would like to discuss the town planner with information that was told to him by Mr. Forsberg. He stated a lot of municipalities have a combined planner and EDO. Mr. Conroy stated he is not against it, but feels the Selectmen should be approaching us, not us approaching them. Also, would the EDO attend the Planning Board meetings. Mr. Nottebart stated the Selectmen would like her over the ZBA, Planning and ConCom.

Mr. Forsberg arrived at 7:50 p.m.

After further discussion, Mr. Conroy moved to send a letter to Mr. Johnson and the Selectmen stating we have requested a full time planner and asked them to let us know their stance on this. If they have any other ideas, could they please let us know. Also, do you support us with a planner or is there another road you want to take. Please let us know. Motion seconded by Mr. Nottebart and voted 5-0-0.

It was moved, seconded and voted to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Murtagh, Clerk

Accepted 3/19/15